

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

This Document contains information affecting the National Defense of the United States, within the meaning of Title 18, Sections 793 and 794, of the U.S. Code, as amended. The transmission or revelation of its contents to or receipt by an unauthorized person is prohibited by law. The reproduction of this form is prohibited.

CONFIDENTIAL

25X1

COUNTRY	Indochina	REPORT NO.		25X1
SUBJECT	Democratic Republic of Vietnam Activities in Laos	DATE DISTR.	10 February 1954	
DATE OF INFO.		NO. OF PAGES	1	
PLACE ACQUIRED		REQUIREMENT NO.		25X1
		REFERENCES		

THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE.  
THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE.  
(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- 25X1 1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) High Command has recently assigned General Bang Giang,<sup>1</sup> who had previously been deputy commander of the Viet Bac Interzone, to the Laotian front as deputy commander under General Hoang Sam.<sup>2</sup>
2. The DRV is making efforts to develop guerrilla forces in Laos and to bring regional forces up to battle conditions. Independent companies are being combined and formed into battalions and will become regular units in 1954.
3. The Laotian branch of the Lao Dong party is presently training agents for political activities so that the party will be able to operate without outside assistance or support. This increased activity was first suggested by Truong Chinh<sup>3</sup> at the national conference of the Lao Dong party in June 1953, when Chinh stated: "If Cambodia and Laos are not liberated, the liberation of Vietnam will not be successful. We must, therefore, make every effort to develop the military forces of our neighbors in Indochina. Party branches in Laos and Cambodia should increase their ranks and win over the population so that they will be able to stand on their own feet."

25X1 ☐ Comments

25X1

- 25X1 2. ☐ Hoang Sam as having been replaced by Ha Ke Tan as commander-in-chief of Interzone III, as of July 1951.

- 25X1 3. ☐ Truong Chinh was Secretary-General of the Praesidium of the Lao Dong party.

25X1

CONFIDENTIAL

STATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARMY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAVY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AEC						
-------	-------------------------------------	------	-------------------------------------	------	-------------------------------------	-----	-------------------------------------	-----	-------------------------------------	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

(Note: Washington Distribution Indicated By "X", Field Distribution By "#".)